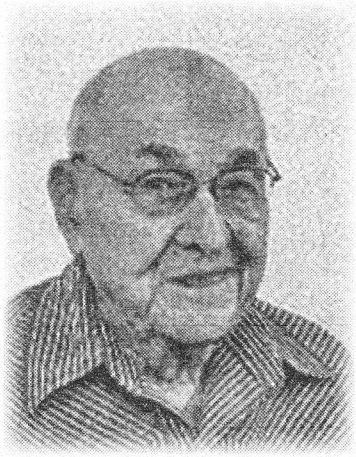
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Milton Nielsen



Milton Nielsen, 95, died December 12, 2014 at his home in Viborg.

Edward "Milton" Nielsen was born April 27, 1919 to Marinus and Bertha (Thorstensen) Nielsen near Hurley.

Milton attended school at District 41 at Turkey Ridge. He served in the U.S. Army 4th Cavalry from March 20, 1941 until September 28, 1945 during WWII. He received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Austria. When Milton returned to SD he started farming his mother's farm place. Milton married Reta Pinkston on March 18, 1950 in Sioux Falls. Two children were born to this union Nancy Wrigg and Larry Nielsen. After purchasing his grandfather Erik Thorstensen's homestead they lived there until 2010 when they moved to Viborg. He farmed all of his life and enjoyed it, until retiring in 2000. Milton was church treasurer of the Church of The Nazarene for 40 years. He was also on the Mayfield Township board. Milton enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports.

He was preceeded in death by his parents Marinus and Bertha; his brothers Emmett, Erick, and Edward in infancy; his sisters Jesse Jepsen and Mabel Nielsen.

Milton is survived by his wife Reta of Viborg; his daughter Nancy (Stephen) Wrigg of Viborg; his son Larry Nielsen of Irene; daughter-in-law Lisa Nielsen of Centerville; grandchildren Lee (Wendy) Wrigg of Viborg, David (Sarah) Wrigg of Luverne, MN, Nicole Nielsen of Irene; great-grandchildren Logan and Alexis Wrigg; step-great-granddaughter Chelsea Carroll of Viborg; and many other relatives and friend.

Services were held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at the Nazarene Church in Viborg with Pastor Karen Engelke officiating. Burial at Elim Cemetery, Irene with Military Rites by the Hurley Legion. Arrangments: Fraternal Burial of Viborg.